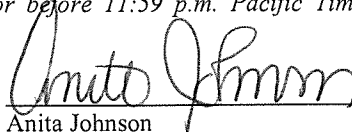

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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| Application Number | : 10/618,033 | Confirmation No. 4112 |
| Filing Date | : July 11, 2003 | |
| Inventor(s) | : Yaron Keidar, et al. | |
| Title | : TRANS-SEPTAL SHEATH WITH SPLITTING DILATING NEEDLE AND METHOD FOR ITS USE | |
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| Group Art Unit | : 3734 | |
| Examiner Name | : Erin L. Colello | |
| Docket No. | : 50572/W112 | Date: January 14, 2010 |

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

This application is **not** an application of the kind specified in 37 CFR § 1.114(e).

1. THE STATUS OF THE APPLICATION IS AS FOLLOWS:

- a. ☒ Pending (no review proceedings active)
- (1) ☒ An Action was mailed by the Office on July 14, 2009, as to which no appeal under 37 CFR § 1.191 has been filed and
- ☒ a response under 37 CFR § 1.116 was filed on October 14, 2009
- ☐ via Express Mail
- ☒ with certificate of electronic transmission under 37 CFR § 1.8
- ☒ that Action was a Final Rejection, the finality of which is to be withdrawn by this Request
- ☐ an appeal or civil action under 35 U.S.C. 141,145 or 146 has been terminated
- (2) ☐ Allowed: the Notice of Allowance was mailed by the Office on
- ☐ the Issue Fee has not been paid
- ☐ the Issue Fee has been paid **and** a petition under 37 CFR § 1.313 was granted on
- b. ☐ Pending (with review proceeding active)

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An appeal under 37 CFR § 1.191 has been filed. **Applicant(s) hereby withdraw that appeal and request reopening of the prosecution of the application.**

2. SUBMISSION(S) REQUIRED (check at least one)

a. Previously submitted

- ☐ Consider the amendments/reply under 37 CFR § 1.116 previously filed on
☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal or Reply Brief previously filed on
☐ Other:

b. Enclosed

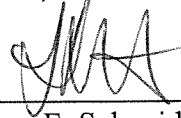
- ☒ Amendment/Reply
☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
☐ Information Disclosure Statement
☐ Documents under 37 CFR § 1.48
☒ Petition for Extension of Time
☐ Other:

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
FEE CALCULATION SHEET**

Application No. 10/618,033

PART I — BASIC FEE

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| BASIC FEE | Small Entity \$405.00 | Large Entity \$810.00 | \$810.00 |
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PART II — ADDITIONAL CLAIMS (compared to application before RCE)

| | Claims Remaining After Amendment | Highest Number Previously Paid For | Number Extra Claims | Small Entity Rate | Large Entity Rate | FEE |
|---|---|---|---------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----|
| Total Claims | 17 | *22 | 0 | 0 x \$26.00 | 0 x \$52.00 | 0 |
| Independent Claims | 2 | **3 | 0 | 0 x \$110.00 | 0 x \$220.00 | 0 |
| First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim | | | | \$195.00 | \$390.00 | |
| TOTAL CLAIMS FEE | | | | | | \$0 |
| List Independent Claims: 25, 26 | | | | | | |
| * IF THE "HIGHEST NUMBER OF TOTAL CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR" IS LESS THAN 20, WRITE "20" IN THIS SPACE. ** IF THE HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR IS 3 OR LESS, WRITE "3" IN THIS SPACE. | | | | | | |

1. FEES *(The RCE fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.)*
 - a. Amount (total from Fee Calculation Sheet)
Please deduct \$810 from Deposit Account No. 03-1728.
 - b. X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required for this transaction to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account.

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